

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
DEC 18 2006

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A coupling apparatus for mounting an add-on passenger restraint system to a vehicle seat having an anchorage, the coupling apparatus comprising:

a retractor affixed to the add-on passenger restraint system,

a coupling member,

an extension member having opposing ends wherein one end is attached to the retractor and the other end is attached to the coupling member, ~~the coupling member being configured to engage the anchorage;~~

wherein the coupling member comprises an articulating connector configured to engage the anchorage.

8. (Previously presented) The coupling apparatus of claim 7, wherein the coupling member comprises a snap hook connector.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

Amendment Response
Serial No. 10/688,174 Group Art Unit 3636
Atty. Docket No. 5015-491
Page 2 of 9

11. (Currently amended) A coupling apparatus for mounting an add-on passenger restraint system to a vehicle seat having an anchorage, the coupling apparatus comprising:

a retractor affixed to the add-on passenger restraint system,

a coupling member,

an extension member having opposing ends wherein one end is attached to the retractor and the other end is attached to the coupling member, the coupling member being configured to engage the anchorage;

wherein the coupling apparatus conforms to FMVSS 213 [[or FMVSS 225]] extant in October 2003.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A coupling apparatus for mounting an add-on passenger restraint system to a vehicle seat having an anchorage, the coupling apparatus comprising:

a portable child seat,

a retractor affixed to the portable child seat,

an extension member comprising a first end and an opposing second end, the first end being attached to the retractor, and

a coupling member attached to the second end of the extension member, wherein the coupling member is configured to engage the anchorage;

wherein the retractable coupling apparatus is configured to thread upwardly through an upper tether redirection system attached to the vehicle proceeding downwardly away therefrom to mate with the anchorage.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A coupling apparatus for mounting an add-on passenger restraint system to a vehicle seat having an upper anchorage and a lower anchorage, the coupling apparatus comprising:

a portable child seat,

a upper tether having a first end attached to a retractor affixed to the child seat and a second end coupled to a connector configured to engage the upper anchorage,

a retractor affixed to the portable child seat,

an extension member comprising a first end and an opposing second end, the first end being attached to the retractor, and

a coupling member attached to the second end of the extension member, wherein the coupling member is configured to engage the lower anchorage.